

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 63 – 65 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, is respectfully requested in light of the amendments being made herein. These claims are substantial copies, with somewhat different form and scope, of claim 1 of U.S. patent no. 5,648,929, with which the declaration of an Interference has been considered. In light of the rejection, the word “logic” is being stricken from the phrase “plurality of logic blocks” in each of the three claims. Although it is believed that the claimed concept is adequately disclosed in the present application’s specification, and thus that these amendments are unnecessary, they are being made in order to advance the prosecution of this application, particularly since the absence of the word “logic” in the objected phrase does not adversely affect the scope of the claims. The word “block” remains in the objected phrase of the claims, finding support in the present application, for example, at page 8 (line 29) and page 16 (line 18).

Information Disclosure Statement

A comprehensive Information Disclosure Statement was filed December 28, 1998, along with a Continued Prosecution Application and a Preliminary Amendment. Yet there is no record in the file of the undersigned attorney that the references cited therein have been considered and made of record in this case. Therefore, a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement, dated December 23, 1998, is being filed herewith, along with its 6 pages of form 1449. Copies of the references so listed were also filed at that time. Consideration of these references and making them of record in the Patent Office file of the present application are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Accordingly, it is believed that the basis for the claim rejection set forth in the Office Action has been overcome. If the Examiner has any further matters that need to

be resolved, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at 415-318-1160 would be appreciated.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

The following Form 1449 and copies of each cited document are being filed herewith as an Information Disclosure Statement. Consideration of each of these documents by the Patent Examiner, and the making of each of them of record in the file of this application, are respectfully requested. The ten foreign patent documents are not in English; however it is believed that the concise statement of relevancy is met by the English abstract attached to the front of each document.

The required fee of \$240.00 is being filed herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-1030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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	B4	JP	59	1	6	2	6	9	5	1984	Japan			Abstract
	B5	JP	62	2	8	3	4	9	7	1987	Japan			Abstract

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